

**Amendments to the Abstract**

Please replace the Abstract with the following amended Abstract:

ABSTRACT

An apparatus for collection and reduction of yard debris combining a frontally facing rotor-assisted vacuum pick up[, ] with a chipper-shredder-blower unit to induce airflow for entraining[ the] debris collected at [[said]]the vacuum pick up; [[ (ii) ]]reduce[[s]] the entrained debris to a more manageable volume; and [[(iii) ]]impel[[s] the reduced debris to a free-flow-separator device for removing the debris from the air in which it is entrained.